(b) Yes; all the petitions are dated 21st Dhanu 1106 and they are for the issue of transfer certificates to certain pupils of the Little Flower Lower Secondary School, Chelakkara. No order was issued then as a local enquiry was found necessary.

(c) There was a petition from the Manager dated 6th January 1931 requesting for the issue of a stay order regarding the transfer certificates.

(d) Yes. The Inspectress conducted an enquiry on 7th January 1931 and a copy of her report dated 8th January 1931 is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

(e) Yes. The Director visited the locality twice on Monday 12th January 1931 and on 23rd January 1931.

ii and iii. Yes. The Director could not keep his engagement on one occasion as his inspection elsewhere detained him. The Headmaster, L. S. S., was allowed to admit the girls who came up for admission into the Sirkar School.

iv. A copy of the final order is appended. (*Vide Appendix V.*)

(f) The Manager reports that 53 girls have left the school and of these 42 have joined the Sirkar School. One girl has rejoined the aided school. No certificates were issued till now. The Manager reports that no guardian has approached him for transfer certificate after receiving the Director's orders in the matter.

Assistant Secretary.

368. Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—With reference to the answer given on 6th Kumbham 1106 to sub-division (g) of question No. 296, will the Government be pleased to inform this House:—

(a) whether the conclusion that Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar was considered the fittest person for the Assistant Secretary's post was arrived at after the application of any test or the holding of any competitive examination;

(b) whether the reason given in answer to (g) of the said question has been recorded and, if it has been, by whom and under what circumstances?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Neither a special test nor a competitive examination was held for the purpose.

(b) The reason given in the answer to (g) has not been recorded in actual words.

369. Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what the permanent pay of Messrs. C. Ramankutti Menon, B. A., M. Kunjan Menon, B. A and A. Parameswara

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Ayyar, B. A., Tahsildars of Cochin-Kanayannur, Mukundapuram and Chittur Taluks respectively and of Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar, Assistant Secretary to the Diwan, was on the last day of Edavam 1105;

(b) how Messrs. Ramankutti Menon, Kunjan Menon and Parameswara Ayyar were found unfit for the post of Assistant Secretary and in what respects Mr. Sesha Ayyar, their junior in service, was found fitter for the post;

(c) how Mr. Sesha Ayyar's qualifications were superior to those of the other three officers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

(a)	Mr. C. Ramankutti Menon	Rs. 180.
	,, M. Kunjan Menon	Rs. 170.
	,, A. Parameswara Ayyar	Rs. 230.
	,, T. S. Sesha Ayyar	Rs. 170.

(b) and (c) Vide answer to sub-division (g) of question No. 296 of the last meeting.

Selection of candidates for certain appointments.

370. Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) how long it has been Government's policy to select, for a responsible post, the juniormost in service of three or more officers, on the ground that he was considered the fittest person for the place;

(b) on what other occasions Government has followed the said policy?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) and (b) In the absence of any reference in the question to the post and the persons the Member has in view, it cannot be answered.

Grant-in-aid Bills audit.

371. Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what irregularities have been disclosed by the recent grant-in-aid bills audit;

(b) what measures Government proposes to take to prevent a repetition of the same?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) The audit has not been completed and before the same is finished and the report thereof is examined nothing can be said of the result of the audit.

(b) This does not arise now in view of the answer above.

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